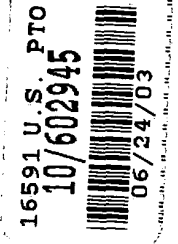


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In re Application of :  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

June 24, 2003

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments in the above-identified application prior to examination of the application:

In the Claims:

Delete Claims 1 through 22. Claims 23 through 39 remain.

In the Specification:

On page 1, after Title, insert phrase "This is a divisional application of U.S. 09/998,487 filed November 30, 2001".